

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant would like to thank Examiner for withdrawing the requirement for election of a species in the January 3, 2006 Office Action.

Regarding the prior restriction to Group II, claims 1-19, Applicant herein has canceled claims 20-30, without prejudice, in accordance with that election.

In this Office Action, claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 115, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, Examiner suggested that with respect to independent claim 1, the limitation of "a solution containing carbon nanotubes" did not clearly describe whether the limitation means the carbon nanotubes are dissolved in a solvent, or whether carbon nanotubes are contained in a solution having something other than the carbon nanotubes dissolved therein.

Although Applicant respectfully asserts that the invention as claimed read in light of the specification is in fact definite and distinctly claims the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention, Applicant nonetheless has amended independent claim 1 in the interest of expediting prosecution of this application. Applicant also has amended claims 2, 3, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, and 19 to comport with the amendment to claim 1, as well to correct several typographical errors. All amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and no new matter has been added. The amendments now place the pending claims in condition of allowance.

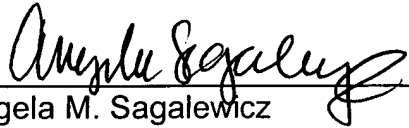
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-19 are in condition of allowance. Thus, entry of the offered amendments and early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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